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In re Application of
Joseph F. Kenney Jr.
Application No. 09/934,906
Filed: August 22, 2001
For: THRUST BEARING ASSEMBLY
WITH PRELOAD SPRING

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: **DECISION ON PETITION**
: **TO WITHDRAW THE**
: **HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

This is in reply to applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 15, 2003..

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action dated November 8, 2002.

Any petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment based upon a Certificate of Transmission must include the following requirements:

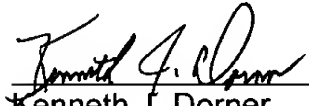
- (1) A copy of a response bearing a signed Certificate of Transmission which includes the date of signing; and
- (2) A statement attesting to the personal knowledge of transmitting the response on the date indicated on the Certificate of Transmission (see 37 CFR 1.8 and MPEP 512).

In response to a Notice of Abandonment dated June 16, 2003, the applicant submitted the instant petition. Applicant's petition indicates that on February 10, 2003 applicant faxed a response to the Office and provides a copy of the submission showing a Certificate of Transmission dated February 10, 2003.

However, a statement attesting to the personal knowledge of transmitting the response on the date indicated on the certificate, by the person who signed the certificate, in this case Mary A. Azzolina, is required.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(b) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.81."

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